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Amendment

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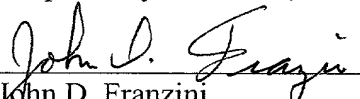
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Remarks

The above amendment is being made to insert a claim of domestic priority to the prior provisional patent application.

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Not applicable.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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Pita pocket bread typically is made as a round disc and is packaged and delivered to the consumer as such. Pocket bread appears flat in the package and there is no visual appearance of the pocket. When a consumer takes the package home, opens it and removes a piece of pocket bread, the consumer will typically try to open the pocket bread by first cutting the disc in half, and then peeling apart the two layers. Depending upon

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